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***"AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSES ISSUED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH."***

1 After the last section, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before September 9, 2002, the
3 Department of Public Health, within available appropriations, shall
4 convene an evaluation group comprised of representatives from state
5 agencies that serve children with special health care needs, including
6 the Departments of Mental Retardation, Children and Families, Social
7 Services, Education and the Office of the Child Advocate. Said group
8 shall also include a representative from the Title V Family Advisory
9 Committee and the chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the
10 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
11 health or said chairpersons' designees. Said group shall examine the
12 current Title V care coordination services for the purpose of
13 identifying the level of efficiency and efficacy of such services for
14 families accessing such services. Said group shall develop
15 recommendations that include, but are not limited to, improvement in

16 the efficacy of care coordination services required to optimize families'
17 access to special needs services and support and measurable outcomes
18 that ensure the effectiveness of care coordination. On or before January
19 15, 2003, said group shall report its recommendations, in accordance
20 with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
21 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
22 relating to children, public health and human services.

23 (b) The Department of Public Health shall develop a grant in
24 consultation with home care agencies and special needs hospitals in
25 the state, including, but not limited to, Yale New Haven Hospital,
26 Connecticut Children's Medical Center, New Britain Hospital for
27 Special Care and John Dempsey Hospital. Said grant shall include the
28 development of strategies for improving access to extended home care
29 services that may include (1) a state-wide nursing pool, (2) home care
30 agency certification for a continuum of professional pediatric home
31 care skills, (3) hospital-based in-service training, and (4) a data
32 feedback system to the department for children requiring extended
33 home care services and the ratio of filled to unfilled hours.

34 Sec. 8. (*Effective from passage*) On or before January 1, 2003, the
35 Commissioner of Social Services shall determine the feasibility of
36 developing a waiver under Title XIX or Title XXI of the federal Social
37 Security Act to provide home and community-based services
38 including, but not limited to, medical day care services, personal care
39 attendant services and transitional acute post-hospitalization services
40 to medically fragile children. The Department of Social Services shall
41 report in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, the
42 feasibility of said waiver plan, to the joint standing committee of the
43 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
44 services.

45 Sec. 9. Subsection (h) of section 17b-364 of the general statutes is
46 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
47 *passage*):

48 [(h) The commissioner may increase the number of facilities
49 participating in the demonstration project from three to four on or after
50 January 1, 2000. The commissioner may issue a request for proposals
51 or select from respondents to a request for proposals issued to select
52 the initial three demonstration project facilities.]

53 (h) The commissioner shall establish a demonstration project to
54 provide sub-acute behavioral care for children enrolled in the HUSKY
55 program. Said demonstration project shall be conducted in no more
56 than three facilities, involving up to sixty existing licensed beds. Said
57 demonstration project shall amend the participating facility's existing
58 scope of services. Physical environment may be modified to improve
59 cost-effective care delivery for short-term and long-term behavioral
60 health care delivery to children.

61 (i) Said demonstration projects shall be selected and shall have
62 established rates based on the criteria of subsections (d) and (g) of this
63 section. Any licensed health care institution, as defined in section 19a-
64 490, may apply for said projects.

65 (j) The Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the
66 Commissioners of Public Health and Children and Families shall
67 establish said demonstration projects. The Commissioner of Public
68 Health shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to
69 establish criteria for the conversion of beds in existing health care
70 institutions to provide sub-acute behavioral health care.

71 (k) The Commissioners of Social Services, Public Health and
72 Children and Families shall report on the plan implementing the
73 provisions of subsection (h) to (j), inclusive, of this section, in
74 accordance with section 11-4a, to the select committee of the General
75 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children and to the
76 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
77 of matters relating to human services and public health."